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L-3 Communications West Named Finalist for National ESGR Award

DRAPER, Utah – The National Committee of Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), a Department of Defense agency, announced recently that L-3 Communications West, based in Salt Lake City, was selected as one of 30 finalists for the 2012 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award.

The Freedom Award is the DoD's highest recognition given to employers for exceptional support of Guard and Reserve employees. Among other achievements, L-3 Communications was selected as a finalist for establishing a Military Relations Committee to lead the company on policies related to military employees and mobilizing supportive initiatives, including the Sub-for-Santa program. A review board comprised of military and civilian leaders selected 30 finalists from the 3,236 nominations received earlier this year from Guard and Reserve Servicemembers, or family members acting on their behalf.

A Utah Air National Guardmember employed with L-3 Communications recommended her employer for the award. The nominator was hired for a position when she was eight months pregnant despite lacking the required engineering degree. The recruiter recognized her value and that her military experience met the necessary qualifications to be successful in the job.

"Out of more than 3,000 nominations nationwide, the fact that L-3 Communications here in Utah was selected as a finalist for the Freedom Award speaks volumes about their willingness to go above and beyond to take care of our Servicemembers and families," said Bart Davis, state chairman of ESGR Utah.

The DoD will announce the 15 recipients of the 2012 Freedom Award early this summer following completion of a national selection board comprised of senior DoD officials, business leaders and prior awardees. The 2012 recipients will be honored with the 17th annual Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award in Washington, D.C., in September. Past recipients of the Freedom Award have met privately with the president and vice president of the United States and the Secretary of Defense.

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